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This communication is a substitute preliminary amendment that supersedes the preliminary amendment filed on July 10, 2002. The reason for filing this substitute preliminary amendment is that new claims 27-47 were improperly numbered as claims 2-22 in the July 10, 2002 preliminary amendment, and were not underlined when presented therein.

As in the July 10, 2002 preliminary amendment, Applicants have again cancelled pending claim 1 herein.

Applicants respectfully request that the \$18.00 fee that was submitted in connection with the July 10, 2002 preliminary amendment be applied to this preliminary amendment. No additional fee(s) is/are believed to be due; however, if any such fee(s) is due, please charge such fee(s) to Deposit Account No. 04-1105.

Applicants submit that claims 27-47 are allowable, and, therefore, Applicants respectfully request early consideration and allowance of this application.

If the undersigned can be of any assistance in advancing the prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to telephone him at the numbers given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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